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WASHINGTON, July 12, 1990 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the Independence Day holiday week ended July 7 totaled 273,701, up 10.6 percent from the corresponding week of 1989 but 17.6 percent below the preceding week of 1990, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 12.0 percent in the East and 9.5 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1989 week, coal loadings were up 14,270 cars (19.1 percent). Loadings of metals and products were up 1,810 cars (24.7 percent), while grain loadings rose by 1,788 cars (8.4 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 27 weeks of 1990 totaled 9,113,577 up 0.9 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 97,701 trailers and/or containers for the week ended July 7, up 10.1 percent from the corresponding week of 1989.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 27 weeks of 1990 was 3,132,264 trailers and/or containers, 3.7 percent above the comparable 1989 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended July 7 totaled 16.4 billion, up 14.7 percent from the corresponding week of 1989. Cumulative volume for the first 27 weeks of 1990 was an estimated 537.7 billion ton-miles, up 3.8 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 7, 1990

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP					
		COMPARISON WITH			
COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JULY 7, 1990	SAME WEEK OF 1989	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	22,968	21,180	8.4 %	29,433	-22.0 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,491	1,155	29.1	1,962	-24.0
Metallic Ores	21,963	21,970	.0	19,098	15.0
Coal	88,949	74,679	19.1	113,146	-21.4
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	15,269	12,525	21.9	17,517	-12.8
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,208	8,417	-2.5	9,147	-10.3
Grain Mill Products	9,189	8,563	7.3	10,145	-9.4
Food & Kindred Products	7,450	7,147	4.2	8,447	-11.8
Primary Forest Products	7,345	6,475	13.4	10,296	-28.7
Lumber & Wood Products	4,415	4,578	-3.6	7,153	-38.3
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,441	10,684	-2.3	11,039	-5.4
Chemicals	25,441	24,360	4.4	28,706	-11.4
Petroleum Products	4,538	4,501	.8	5,063	-10.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8,861	8,793	1.0	10,090	-12.0
Coke	5,108	4,980	2.6	5,427	-5.9
Metals & Products	9,129	7,319	24.7	10,348	-11.8
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	11,168	9,646	15.8	19,725	-43.4
Waste & Scrap Materials	6,268	5,614	11.6	8,683	-27.8
All Other Carloads	5,480	4,821	13.7	6,627	-17.3
Total	**273,701**	**247,407**	**10.6 %**	**332,052**	**-17.6 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES						
	WEEK ENDING JULY 7, 1990			CUMULATIVE: 27 WEEKS ENDING JULY 7, 1990		
TRAFFIC	1990	1989	CHANGE	1990	1989	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**273,701**	**247,407**	**10.6 %**	**9,113,577**	**9,030,558**	**.9 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	55,082	50,086	10.0	1,768,021	1,764,839	.2
Containers	42,619	38,641	10.3	1,364,243	1,254,228	8.8
Total	**97,701**	**88,727**	**10.1**	**3,132,264**	**3,019,067**	**3.7**
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	**16.4**	**14.3**	**14.7 %**	**537.7**	**518.0**	**3.8 %**

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